



6.3 Local Capability Assessment

Requirement: §201.4(c)(3) (ii): [The State mitigation strategy shall include]: a general description and analysis of the effectiveness of local mitigation policies, programs, and capabilities.

Arizona has 15 Counties all with Hazard Mitigation Plans approved by FEMA. For the purpose of this update, each county was asked to provide information about their mitigation capabilities from the local level. From the information received, it was determined that most of the counties had made basically the same progress in their mitigation planning efforts and implementation of policies and procedures and programs.

There are numerous programs and policies that originate at the State level and are implemented on the local level. In addition, each County has developed its own specific requirements and capabilities in response to their own particular context and needs. This section highlights some of the State and local level policies and programs and broadly describes how they translate into capabilities at the local level. As listed in the Mitigation Strategy (page 200), ADEM plans to "Gather and maintain data on current local mitigation policies, programs and capabilities and evaluate their effectiveness at the very least, every year during the annual Plan review. Further analysis will be performed during the development of Plan updates, every three years. Updated information will be incorporated into the formal Plan review documentation." Including the county emergency managers on the Planning Team for future Plan updates will provide a forum for the capability information of each county to be shared. This will provide an opportunity for counties to share knowledge and experiences, further promoting the implementation and use of new and existing policies and programs. ADEM will support these efforts by encouraging info sharing and notifying the counties of new developments within the State that may be helpful in their efforts.

Detailed information and information regarding communities can be found in each County's description in Section 4 in the "Other Planning Mechanisms" table. Subsequent updates will provide additional detail on remaining policy, program and capability areas, Statewide and at the local level, not addressed at this time.

Code/Plan	Purpose	Impact on Mitigation	# of Co's
Building Codes	To ensure quality design and construction of buildings that meet safety requirements.	Most jurisdictions adopt the Uniform and International Building Codes with amendments to mitigate the impact of their specific hazards; flooding, wildfire, etc.	11
Capital Improvement	To identify and prioritize future capital needs of the community which are to be constructed from public sources.		8
Floodplain Management	Regulations designed to promote public health and safety and minimize losses due to flood conditions in specific areas.	State Legislature delegates the responsibility of adopting regulations to each county flood control district and the respective floodplain manager. The floodplain manager is responsible for corrective and preventative measures for reducing flood damage to include zoning, subdivision or building, and special – purpose floodplain ordinances.	2
Comprehensive Planning	Provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens through orderly development and land use.	Serves as the foundation for other planning documents and ordinances that provide for the future growth and improvement of the respective area of jurisdictions. This is a State Requirement for all Counties.	12
Growth Management	Regulate growth and development that preserves, promotes and protects the health, safety and general welfare of the public while conforming with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan.	The purpose is to bring about coordinated physical development in accordance with the present & future needs of the county. Focus is to conserve the natural resources of the County, to insure efficient expenditure of public funds and to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public while conforming with the intent of the Comprehensive	0



		Plan. Growth element is included in the Comprehensive Plans for most Counties.	
Real Estate Disclosure	Sellers are required to disclose all known (important) facts about the property, including but not limited to: building and safety, utilities & environmental (soil erosion, expansion, drainage).	State requires disclosure notice addressing safety and environmental concerns.	4
Subdivision	Provide for the orderly growth and development to secure adequate provisions for water supply, drainage, protection against flood, storm water detention, sanitary sewerage and other health and safety requirements; to insure consideration for adequate sites for schools, recreation areas, and other public facilities.	State requires Counties to identify land that is to be subdivided or proposed to be for the purpose of sale or lease, whether immediate or future, into six or more lots or parcels.	11
Zoning	Set forth land use classifications, divides the county into land use zones as delineated on the official zoning maps and sets regulations for the promotion of the health, safety, morals, convenience and welfare of the citizens.	The State requires Counties to adopt ordinances identifying zones for a particular purpose or residential area.	12